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SUBJ: NEW INVESTMENT IN BOLIVIAN TIN MINING

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1. EMBASSY HAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD OF DIRECT LINKAGE BETWEEN HIGHER EARNINGS FROM TIN EXPORTS IN 1977 AND NEW INVESTMENT IN TIN MINING INDUSTRY. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PROJECTS BY COMIBOL AND MEDIUM MINERS TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND TIN MINING OPERATIONS. IBRD CREDITS TO MINING SECTOR AND HIGHER TIN PRICES HELP TO EXPLAIN THESE INVESTMENTS. EMBASSY ESTIMATE FOR TIN EXPORTS IN 1977 IS 33,000 MT FINE, AT 3000 MT INCREASE OVER 1976. SOME BIG PROJECTS NOW UNDERWAY OR UNDER STUDY BY COMIBOL THAT WILL INCREASE TIN PRODUCTION IN THE FUTURE ARE: VOLATILIZATION PLANT NEAR POTOSI (APRIL 1978), OPEN PIT AT CATAVI, DREDGE AT PLAZA VERDE. MORE DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN MINERALS REPORT WHICH WILL BE POUCHED MAY 9.

2. GOB HAS RECENTLY CREATED A MINERALS EXPLORATION FUND AND PROVIDED FIRST YEAR FUNDING OF \$1.2 MILLION. GOB HAS REQUESTED \$14 MILLION AS PART OF ITS UNCLASSIFIED

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SHOPPING LIST AT CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING AND FOLLOWING MEETINGS WITH EUROPEAN BUSINESSMEN IN PARIS. IBRD REPORTEDLY HAS SHOWN SOME INTEREST IN THE EXPLORATION FUND. A COMPLETE REPORT ON THE NEW MINERALS EXPLORATION FUND WILL BE SUBMITTED BY EMBASSY AS SOON AS TIME PERMITS. GOB HAS ALSO JUST GRANTED AN EXTENSION OF THE EXEMPTION ON PAYMENT

OF MINERAL EXPORT TAXES ON NEW PRODUCTION OF ALL
MINERALS.
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